

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. Res. 260. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Secretary of Health and Human Services should take action to remove dietary supplements containing ephedrine alkaloids from the market; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. Res. 261. A resolution to authorize testimony, document production, and legal representation in the State of Colorado v. Daniel Raphael Egger, Sarah Jane Gerdali, Jennifer Melissa Greenberg, Lisa Gale Kunkel, Bonnie Catherine McCormick; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, and Mr. BAYH):

S. Res. 262. A resolution to encourage the Secretary of the Treasury to initiate expedited negotiations with the People's Republic of China on establishing a market-based currency valuation and to fulfill its commitments under international trade agreements; to the Committee on Finance.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 473

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 473, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify the jurisdiction of the United States over waters of the United States.

S. 491

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 491, a bill to expand research regarding inflammatory bowel disease, and for other purposes.

S. 585

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 585, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of SBP survivor annuities by dependency and indemnity compensation.

S. 698

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 698, a bill to clarify the status of the Young Men's Christian Association Retirement Fund for purposes of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

S. 875

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 875, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an income tax credit for the provision of homeownership and community development, and for other purposes.

S. 1513

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Massachu-

setts (Mr. KENNEDY), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1513, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to establish an efficient system to enable employees to form or become members of labor organizations, and for other purposes.

S. 1531

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1531, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Chief Justice John Marshall.

S. 1645

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT) and the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1645, a bill to provide for the adjustment of status of certain foreign agricultural workers, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to reform the H-2A worker program under that Act, to provide a stable, legal agricultural workforce, to extend basic legal protections and better working conditions to more workers, and for other purposes.

S. 1679

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1679, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the depreciation recovery period for roof systems.

S. 1685

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1685, a bill to extend and expand the basic pilot program for employment eligibility verification, and for other purposes.

S. 1707

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1707, a bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to provide for free mailing privileges for personal correspondence and certain parcels sent from within the United States to members of the Armed Forces serving on active duty abroad who are engaged in military operations involving armed conflict against a hostile foreign force, and for other purposes.

S. 1818

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1818, a bill to provide grants to law enforcement agencies that ensure that law enforcement officers employed by such agency are afforded due process when involved in a case that may lead to dismissal, demotion, suspension, or transfer.

AMENDMENT NO. 2080

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, her name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2080 proposed to H.R. 2673, a bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2110

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2110 proposed to H.R. 2673, a bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DASCHLE (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. AKAKA, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. DODD, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. INOUE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1833. A bill to improve the health of minority individuals; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, 40 years ago, the famous and inspirational civil rights activist Fannie Lou Hamer rallied the Nation with her statement "I am sick and tired of being sick and tired." Her words still resonate with millions of Americans today. Whether we are talking about African Americans, Latinos, Asian Americans or American Indians, the fact is that minorities continue to live sicker and die younger in America. We know that African Americans are one-third more likely than all other Americans to die from cancer. They have the highest rate of hypertension in the world. Latinos have the least insurance, with one in three having no coverage at all. American Indian tribes struggle with what can only be called epidemics of diabetes, with rates near 50 percent in certain tribes. The tremendous gains that we have witnessed in science and medicine have benefited millions of our citizens, but too often they are out of reach for minorities.

It is a privilege to join my colleagues to introduce the Healthcare Equality and Accountability Act. Our goal is to produce major improvements in all aspects of minority health care. It expands health insurance coverage. It supports better access to services that are culturally and linguistically appropriate. It strengthens the safety-net. It promotes the development of new and better ways to treat diseases that disproportionately affect minorities.

It also increases the diversity of the health care workforce. Many studies show that minority health professionals dramatically increase access to care and the delivery of good care to